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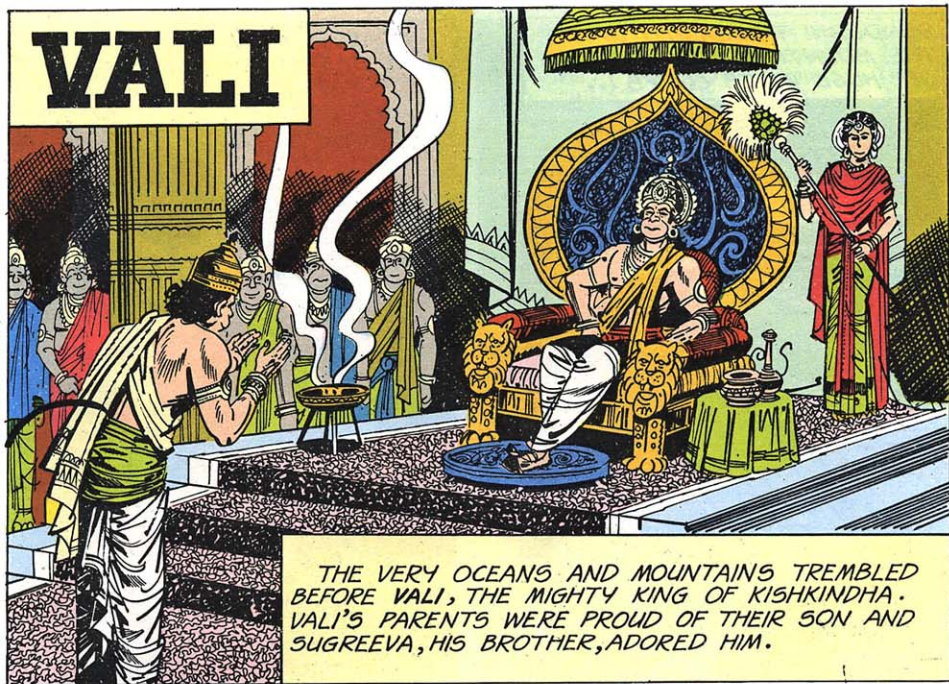
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THE VERY OCEANS AND MOUNTAINS TREMBLED BEFORE VALI, THE MIGHTY KING OF KISHKINDHA. VALI'S PARENTS WERE PROUD OF THEIR SON AND SUGREEVA, HIS BROTHER, ADORED HIM.

AT THAT TIME, THERE LIVED A RAKSHASA CALLED DUNDUBHI WHO CONSIDERED HIMSELF THE MIGHTIEST OF ALL CREATION. ONE DAY, HE WENT TO THE OCEAN, SPOILING FOR A COMBAT. BUT —





DUNDUBHI THUNDERED UP TO THE MOUNTAIN AND BREAKING OFF HUGE WHITE CLIFFS ...



... ROARED WITH GLEE, AS HE DASHED THEM TO THE PLAIN BELOW.



HIMAVAN WAS ALARMED.



WHY DO YOU TORMENT ME, THE REFUGE OF PEACE-LOVING SOULS ?

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT ME, THEN TELL ME WHO HAS. I WILL ENTER INTO COMBAT WITH HIM.





TRANSFORMING HIMSELF INTO A MEAN-LOOKING BUFFALO, DUNDUBHI CHARGED UP TO THE GATES OF KISHKINDHA...



...AND BURST THEM OPEN.



HEARING THE COMMOTION, VALI WHO WAS RELAXING WITH HIS WIVES, RUSHED OUT.

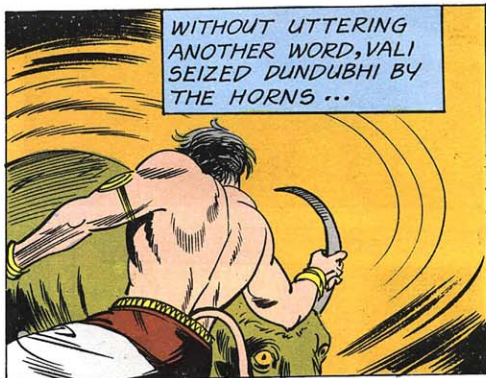
I KNOW IT IS YOU, DUNDUBHI. HOW DARE YOU BELLOW AT THE GATES OF MY CITY! IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE...



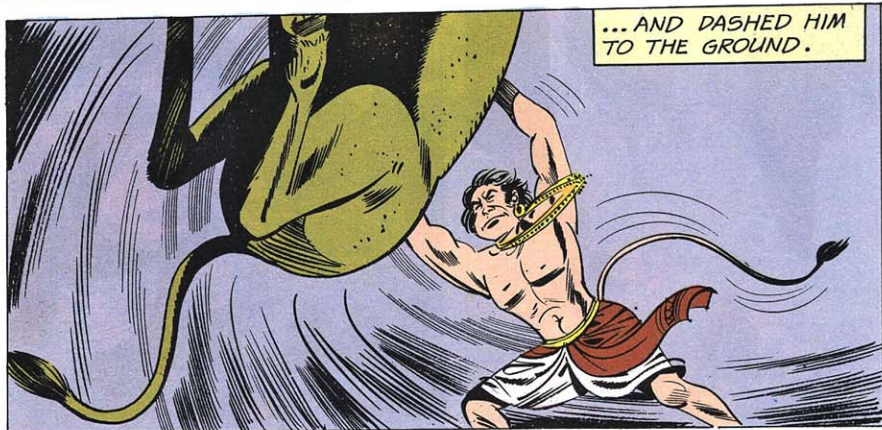


HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT IN THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN! I COME TO CHALLENGE YOU TO A COMBAT, VALI.

I AM WILLING, HOWEVER, TO GIVE YOU ONE NIGHT TO ENJOY YOUR LAST HOURS. BESIDES, YOU ARE INTOXICATED NOW AND IT IS CRIMINAL TO ATTACK A DRUNKARD. TOMORROW I SHALL KILL YOU.

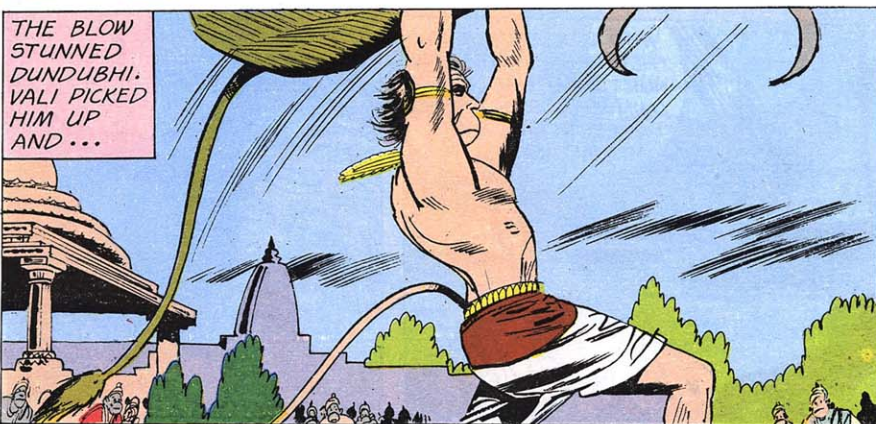
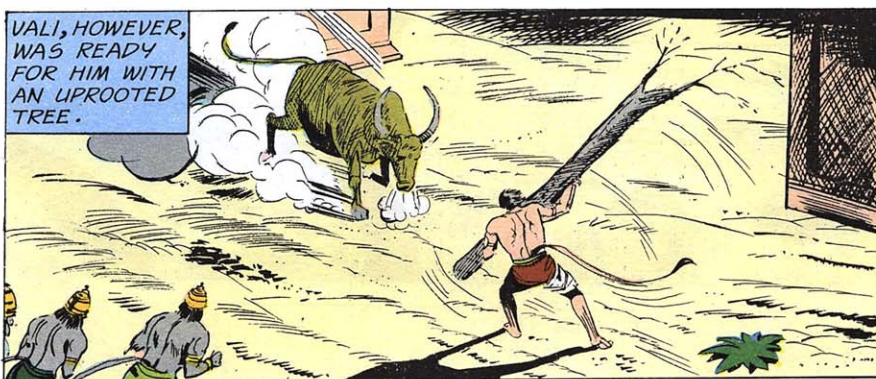
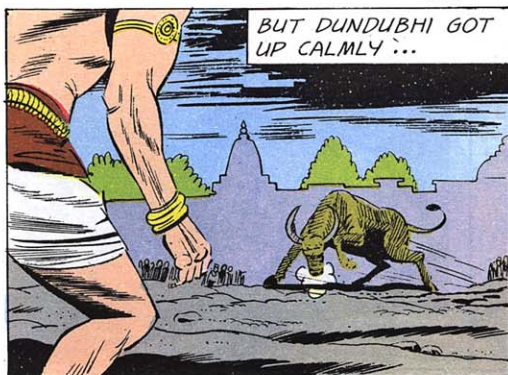


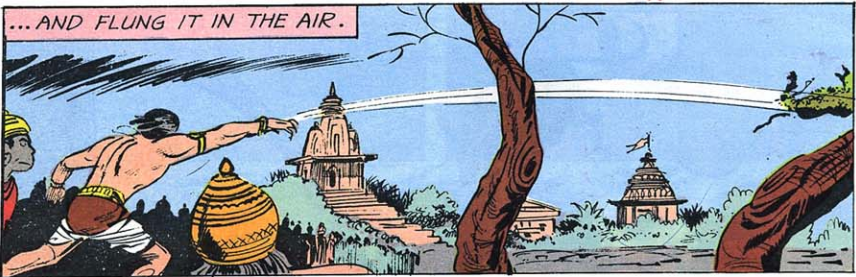
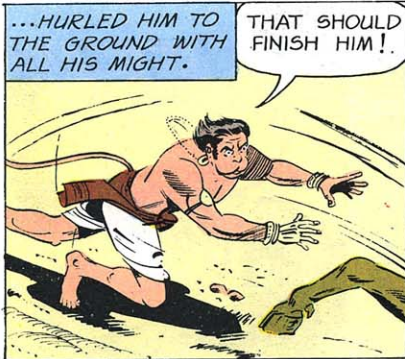
WITHOUT UTTERING ANOTHER WORD, VALI SEIZED DUNDUBHI BY THE HORNS ...



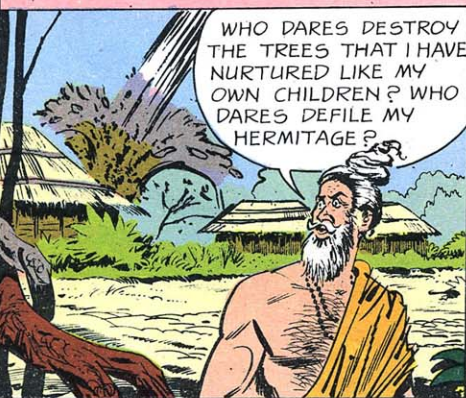
... AND DASHED HIM TO THE GROUND.







UNFORTUNATELY FOR VALI, THE CARCASS FELL NEAR RISHI MATANGA'S HERMITAGE, ON THE RISHYAMUKA MOUNTAINS, FOUR MILES AWAY.



BY HIS YOGIC POWER, THE RISHI DIVINED THAT VALI WAS RESPONSIBLE.

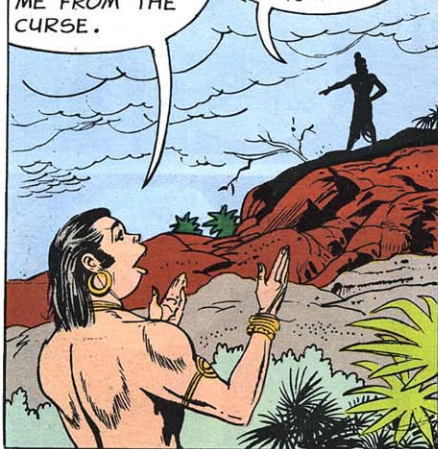




WHEN VALI LEARNT OF THE IRATE RISHI'S CURSE, HE CAME TO PLEAD WITH HIM.

FORGIVE ME, HOLY ONE. I DID NOT DO IT DELIBERATELY. PLEASE RELEASE ME FROM THE CURSE.

NO. I WILL NOT. YOU HAVE POLLUTED MY RETREAT. I CAN NOT FORGIVE YOU.



VALI RETURNED TO KISHKINDHA. ONE DARK NIGHT, A FEW DAYS LATER —

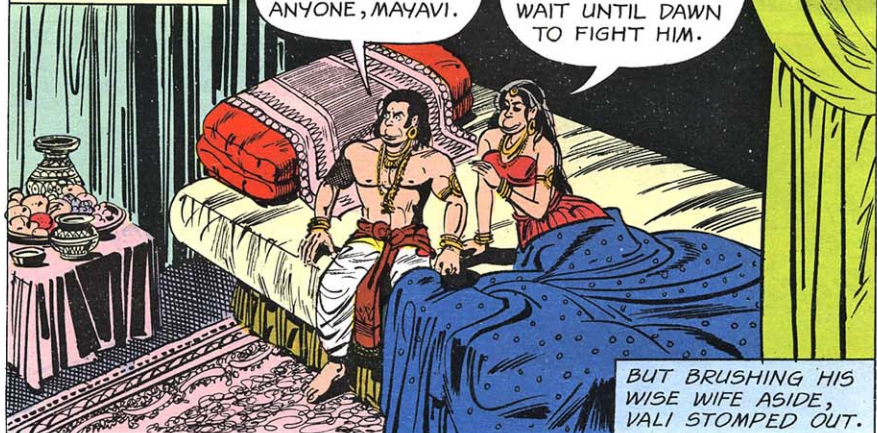
O MIGHTY VALI, I, MAYAVI, THE SON OF DUNDUBHI, DARE YOU TO FIGHT ME.



VALI, WHO WAS SLEEPING, WOKE UP IN A RAGE.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME YOU CHALLENGED ANYONE, MAYAVI.

LORD! RAKSHASAS ARE STRONGER BY NIGHT. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL DAWN TO FIGHT HIM.



BUT BRUSHING HIS WISE WIFE ASIDE, VALI STOMPED OUT.





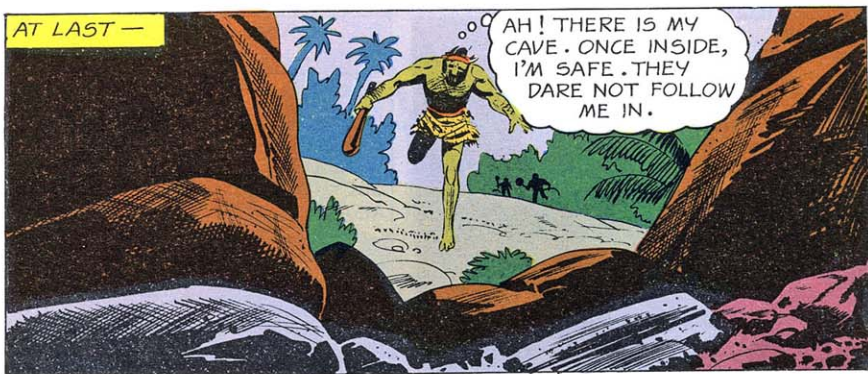
VALI AND SUGREEVA PURSUED  
MAYAVI THROUGH NARROW  
MOUNTAIN PATHS ...



...AND DENSE FORESTS.



AT LAST —



OH! THERE IS MY  
CAVE. ONCE INSIDE,  
I'M SAFE. THEY  
DARE NOT FOLLOW  
ME IN.

VALI WAS FURIOUS.

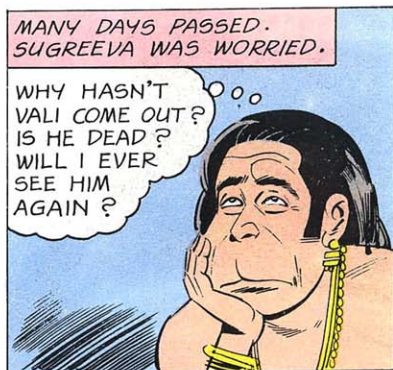
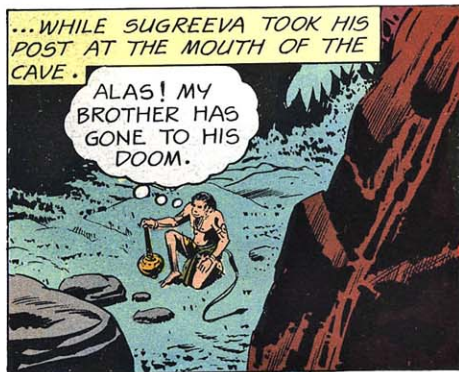
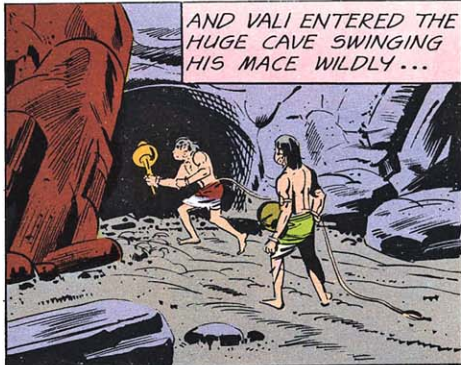
YOU WAIT  
HERE AND  
GUARD THE  
MOUTH OF  
THE CAVE,  
DEAR  
SUGREEVA.



I'M GOING  
AFTER HIM.

PLEASE  
DON'T, VALI.  
MAYAVI IS  
DANGEROUS.



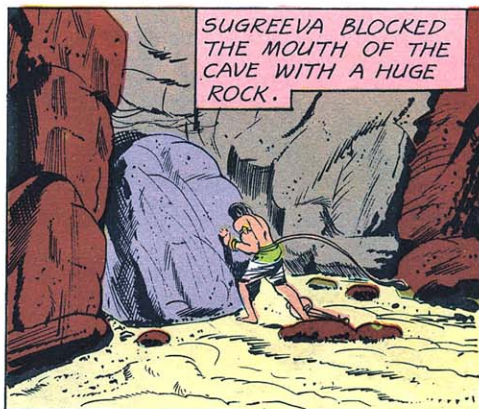
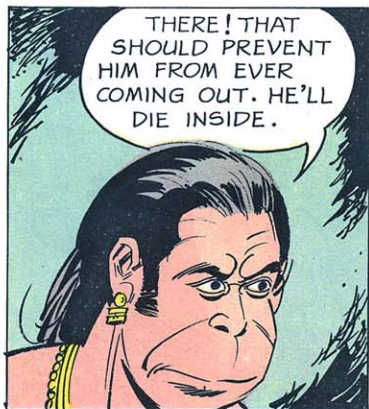




SUDDENLY A  
STREAM OF  
BLOOD GUSHED  
OUT, FOLLOWED  
BY ANOTHER  
ROAR.

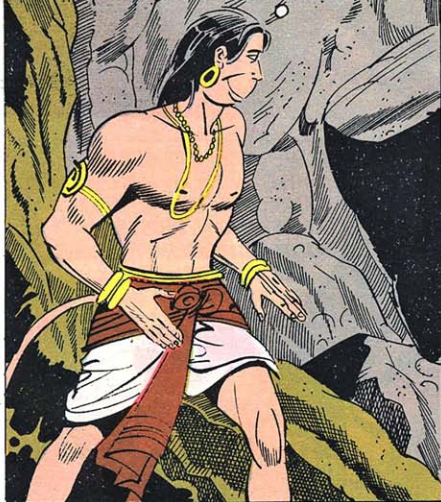
GRRRR

THAT WAS  
MAYAVI'S CRY  
OF TRIUMPH.  
ALAS, HE HAS  
KILLED VALI!  
I WISH MY  
BROTHER HAD  
HEEDED MY  
WARNING.



INSIDE THE CAVE, HOWEVER—

THERE!! I HAVE  
FINISHED THE  
SCOUNDREL. I MUST  
RUSH OUT!  
SUGREEVA MUST  
BE ANXIOUS.



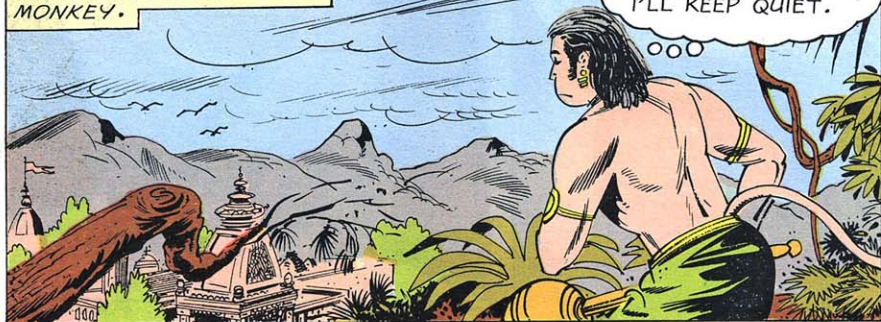
VALI STRODE TRIUMPHANTLY  
TOWARDS THE MOUTH OF  
THE CAVE. BUT —

THE ENTRANCE!  
IT'S BLOCKED!  
SUGREEVA HAS  
BETRAYED ME  
FOR THE  
THRONE!



IT WAS AN UNFAIR THOUGHT.  
FOR SUGREEVA WAS INNOCENT.  
HE HAD RETURNED TO  
KISHKINDHA, A VERY SAD  
MONKEY.

I MUST NOT TELL  
ANYONE ABOUT VALI'S  
DEATH. IT WILL CAUSE  
PANIC IN KISHKINDHA.  
I'LL KEEP QUIET.





HIS FRIEND, HANUMAN, A NOBLE AT THE COURT, APPROACHED HIM ONE DAY —

WHAT IS WRONG,  
O PRINCE? WHERE  
IS OUR KING?  
WHY DO YOU  
LOOK SO SAD?

SUGREEVA REMAINED SILENT.

THE THRONE CANNOT  
REMAIN VACANT. YOU  
MUST TAKE VALI'S  
PLACE.

HOW CAN  
I TAKE MY  
BROTHER'S  
PLACE?

BUT THE NOBLES INSISTED.

ALL RIGHT. FOR  
THE SAKE OF THE  
PEOPLE I WILL  
ASCEND THE  
THRONE.



SUGREEVA ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE CROWNED KING. HANUMAN SERVED HIM WELL AS A MINISTER.



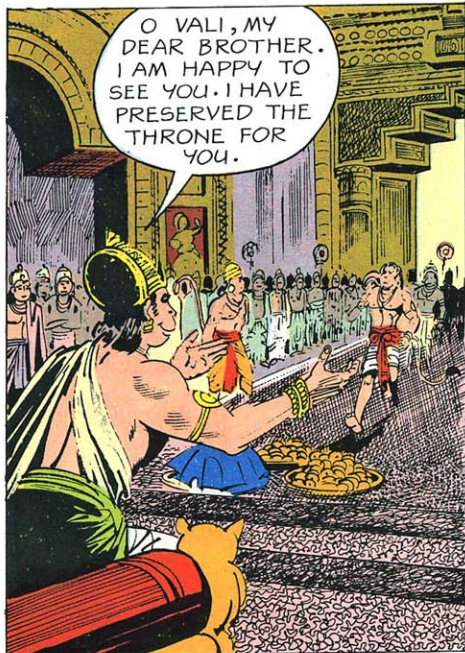
MEANWHILE, VALI TRIED IN VAIN TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE CAVE. AT LAST—



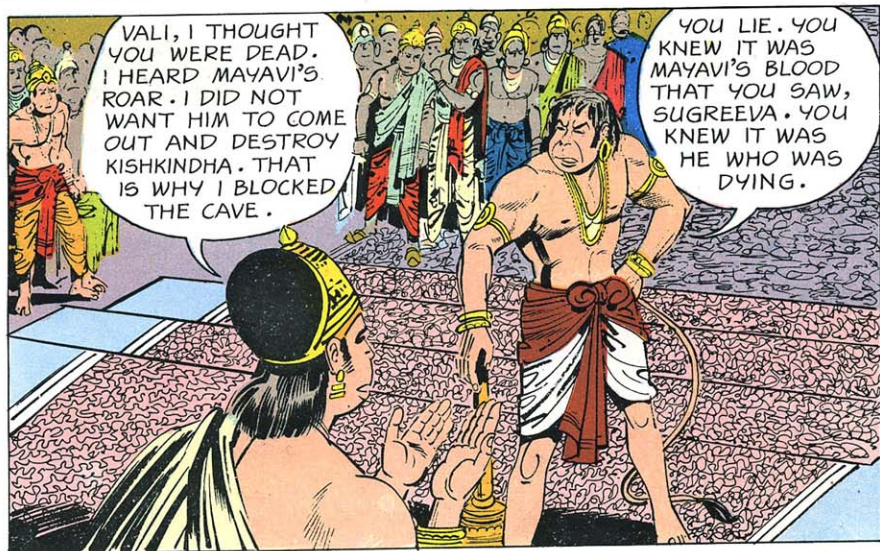
A FEW DAYS LATER —



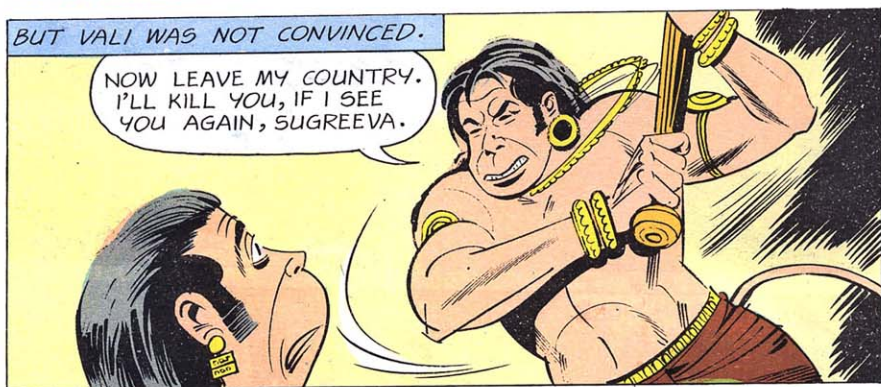
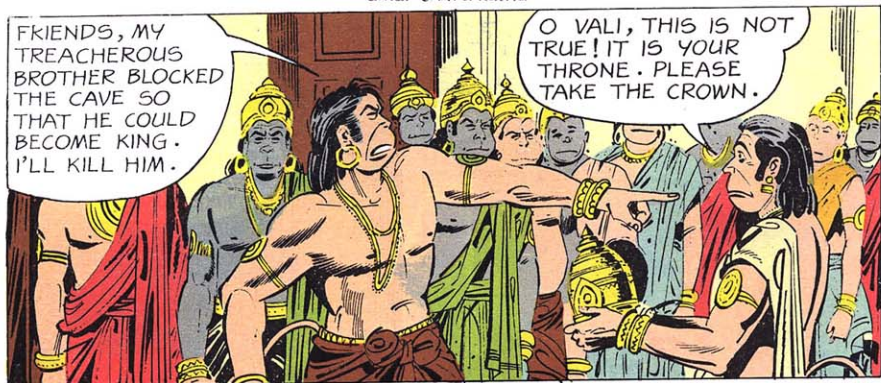




BUT VALI WAS IN NO MOOD FOR LOVING REUNIONS.



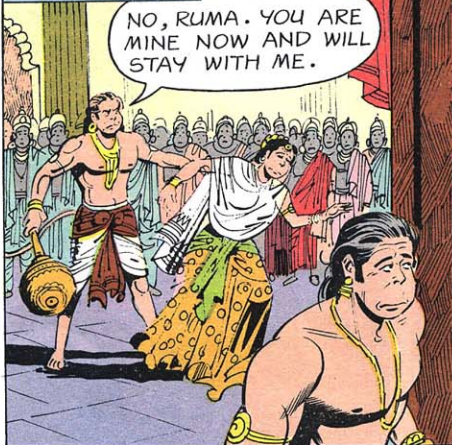






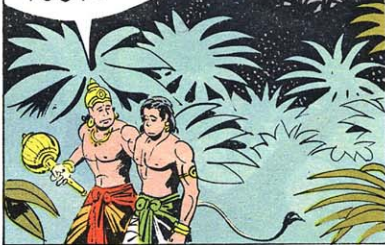
BUT VALI DID NOT RELENT. SUGREEVA HAD TO LEAVE KISHKINDHA. HIS WIFE, RUMA, WAS ABOUT TO FOLLOW HIM WHEN —

NO, RUMA. YOU ARE MINE NOW AND WILL STAY WITH ME.



HANUMAN, HOWEVER, JOINED SUGREEVA AND BOTH LEFT KISHKINDHA.

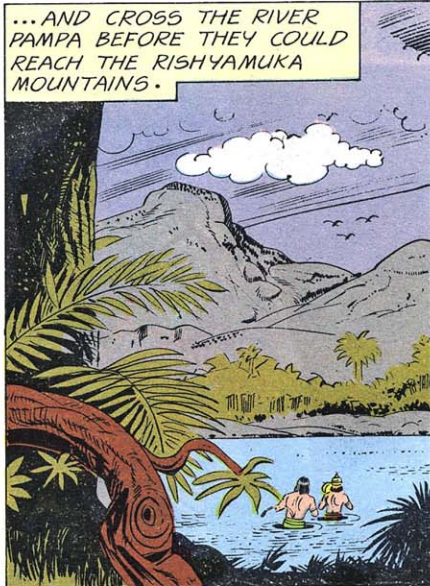
LET US TAKE REFUGE NEAR RISHI MATANGA'S HERMITAGE IN THE RISHYA-MUKA MOUNTAINS WHERE VALI DARE NOT SET FOOT.



THEY HAD TO PASS THROUGH DENSE FORESTS...



...AND CROSS THE RIVER PAMPA BEFORE THEY COULD REACH THE RISHYAMUKA MOUNTAINS.





ONE DAY, SUGREEVA SAW TWO ARMED YOUTHS APPROACHING.

VALI MUST HAVE SENT THEM TO KILL US. FEAR FILLS MY HEART. GO AS MY ENVOY, HANUMAN. FIND OUT WHO THEY ARE.

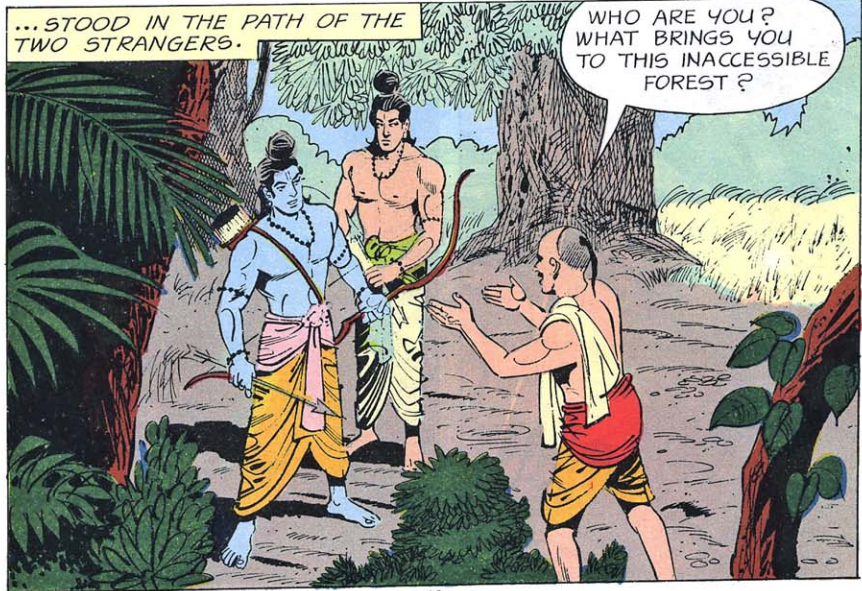


ASSUMING THE GUISE OF A BRAHMAN, HANUMAN WITH ONE MIGHTY LEAP...

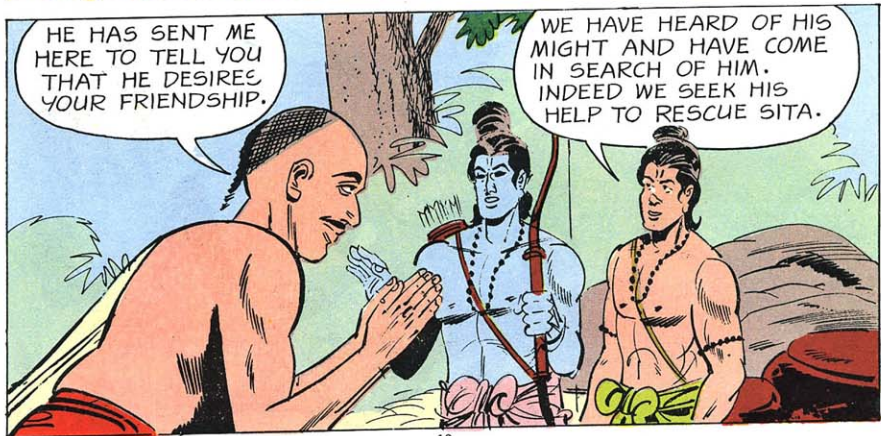


...STOOD IN THE PATH OF THE TWO STRANGERS.

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS INACCESSIBLE FOREST?









HANUMAN WAS DELIGHTED.

THEN COME, I WILL TAKE YOU TO HIM.

WITH THESE VIRTUOUS, VALIANT PRINCES ON HIS SIDE, SUGREEVA CANNOT BUT REGAIN THE KINGDOM AND HIS WIFE.



THEN HANUMAN ASSUMED HIS OWN FORM AND LIFTING THE TWO BROTHERS ONTO HIS SHOULDERS...



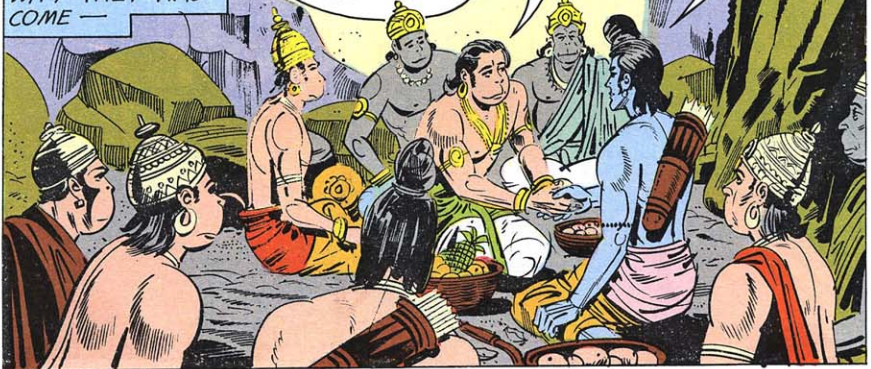
...CARRIED THEM TO SUGREEVA.



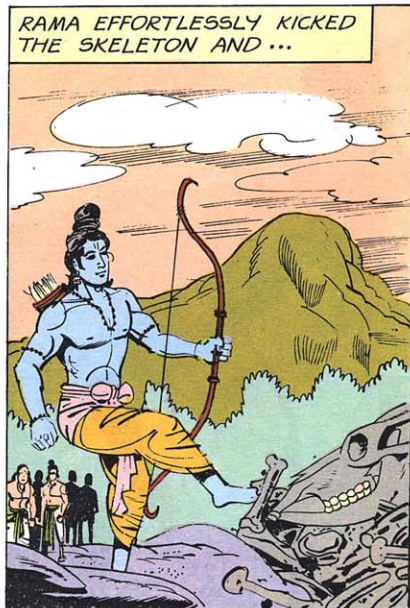
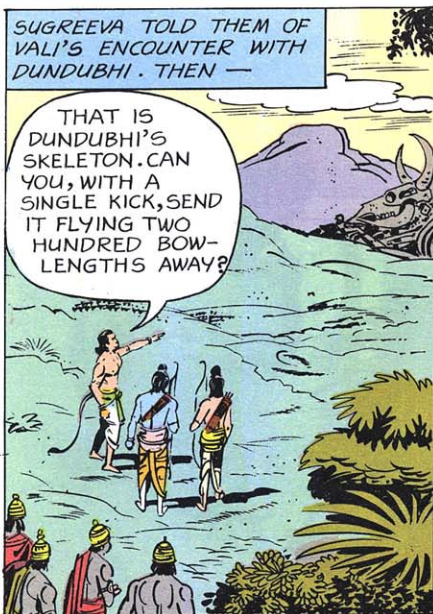
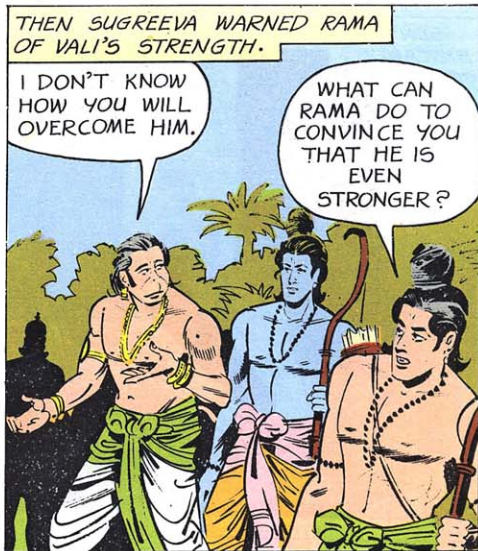
AFTER HANUMAN HAD TOLD SUGREEVA WHO THEY WERE AND WHY THEY HAD COME —

I AM FORTUNATE THAT YOU SEEK MY FRIENDSHIP. I, TOO, NEED YOUR HELP TO KILL VALI AND WIN BACK MY WIFE.

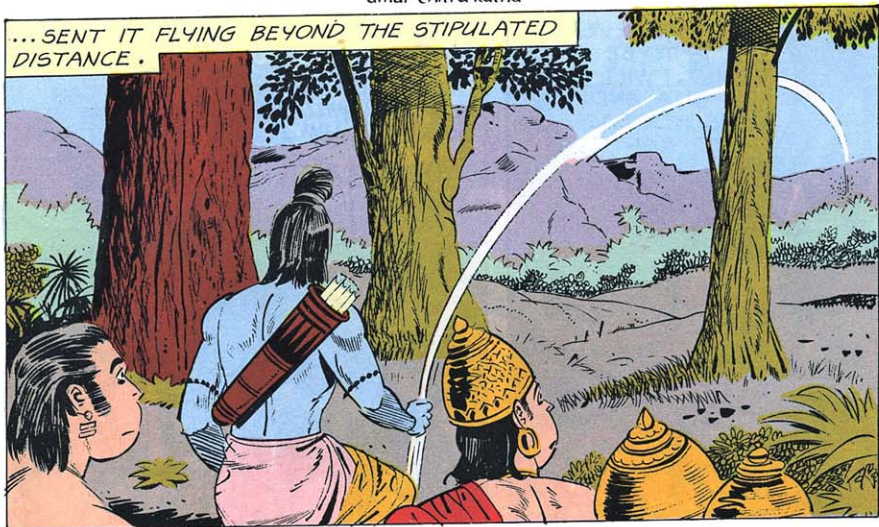
VALI SHALL NOT ESCAPE MY ARROW.





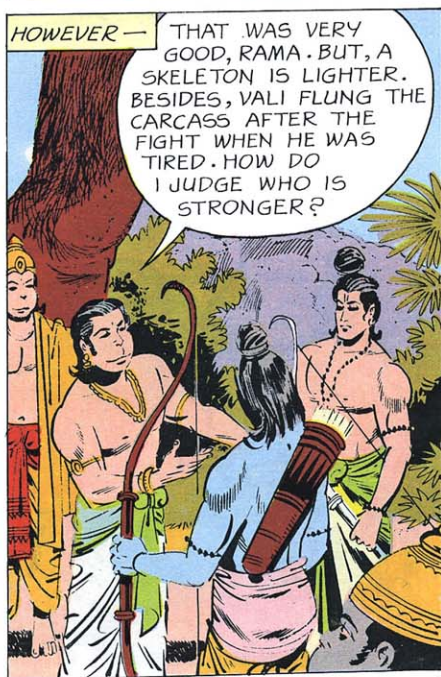


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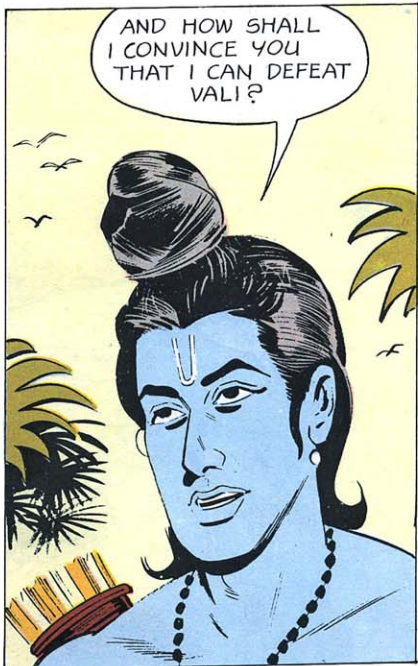


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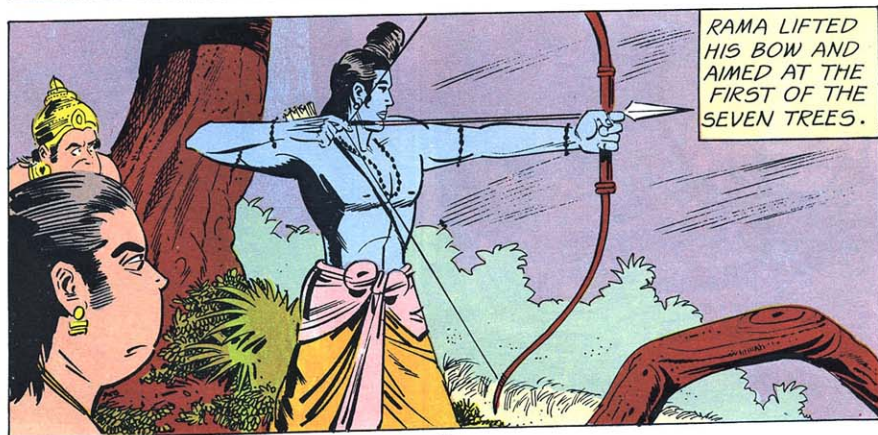
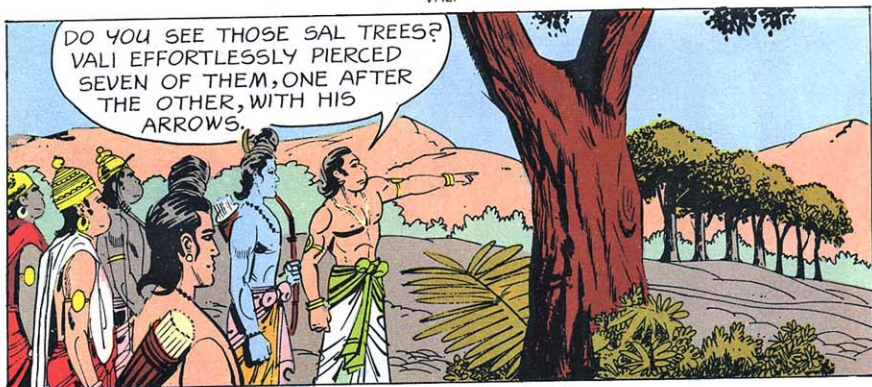
THAT WAS VERY GOOD, RAMA. BUT, A SKELETON IS LIGHTER. BESIDES, VALI FLUNG THE CARCASS AFTER THE FIGHT WHEN HE WAS TIRED. HOW DO I JUDGE WHO IS STRONGER?



AND HOW SHALL I CONVINCE YOU THAT I CAN DEFEAT VALI?



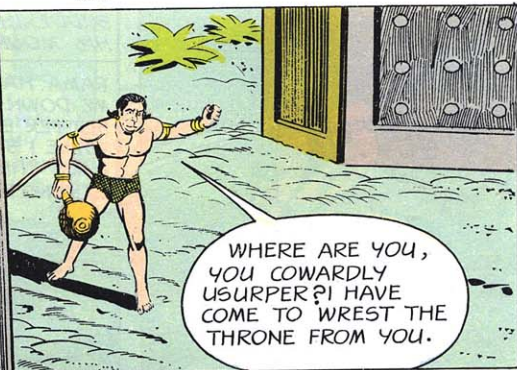




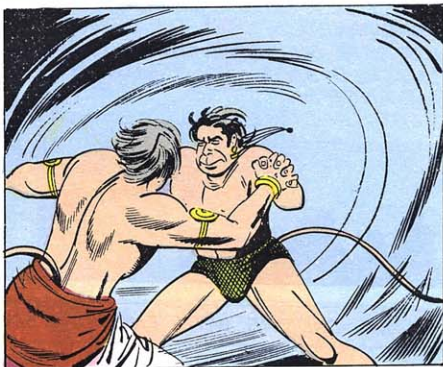




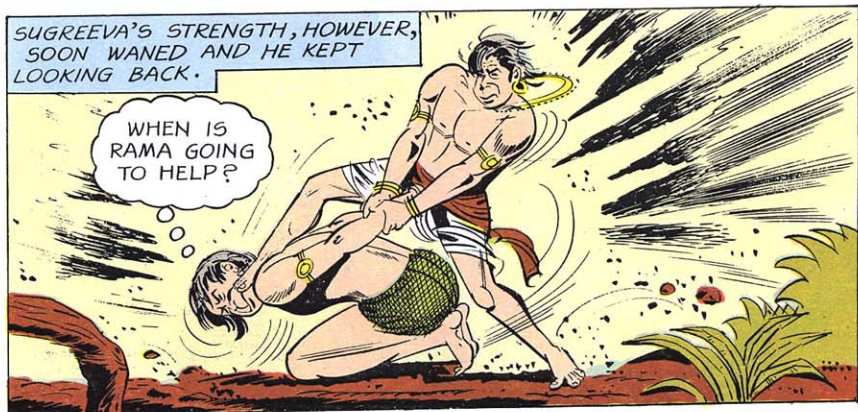
AT KISHKINDHA, RAMA AND LAXMANA HID ON THE BRANCHES OF A TREE WHILE SUGREEVA CHALLENGED VALI.



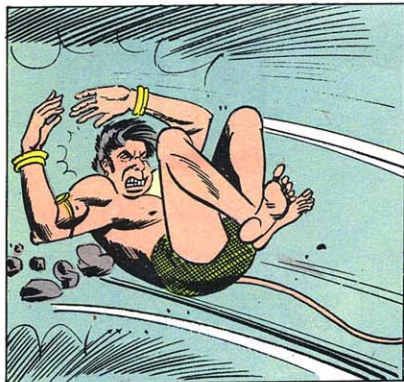
BURNING WITH RAGE, VALI RUSHED OUT TO CONFRONT HIS BROTHER.



SUGREEVA'S STRENGTH, HOWEVER, SOON WANED AND HE KEPT LOOKING BACK.

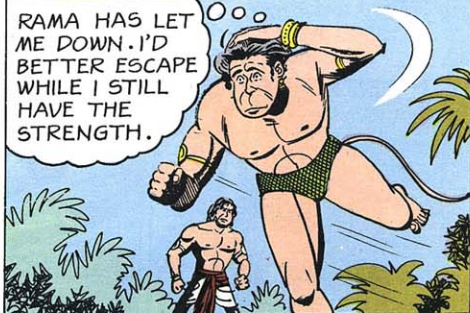






SUDDENLY, SUGREEVA RAN TOWARDS HIS MOUNTAIN HIDEOUT.

RAMA HAS LET ME DOWN. I'D BETTER ESCAPE WHILE I STILL HAVE THE STRENGTH.



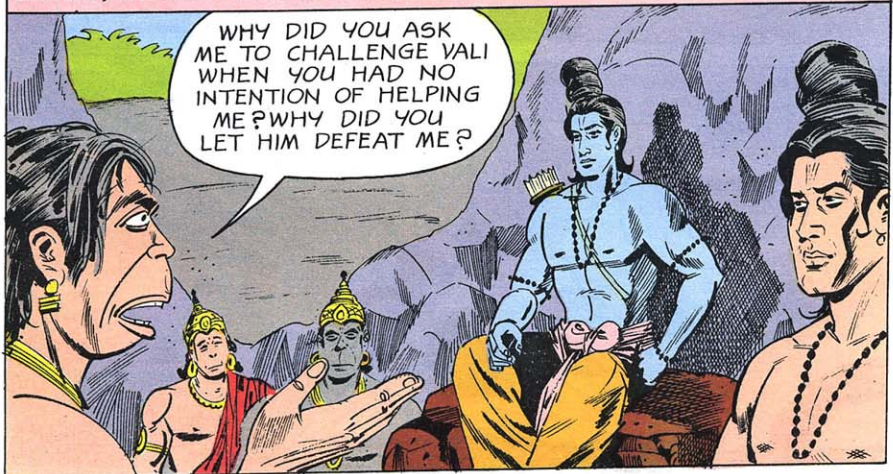
VALI PURSUED HIM. BUT SUGREEVA ENTERED SAGE MATANGA'S HERMITAGE.

THE COWARD! HE KNOWS I DARE NOT FOLLOW HIM THERE.

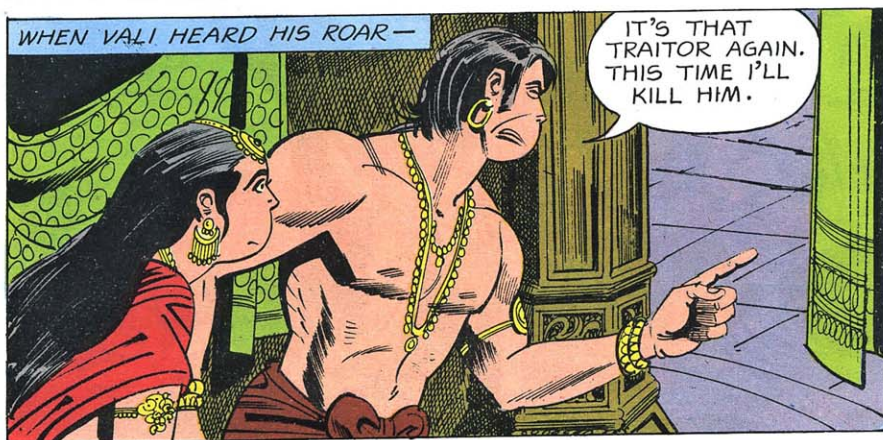
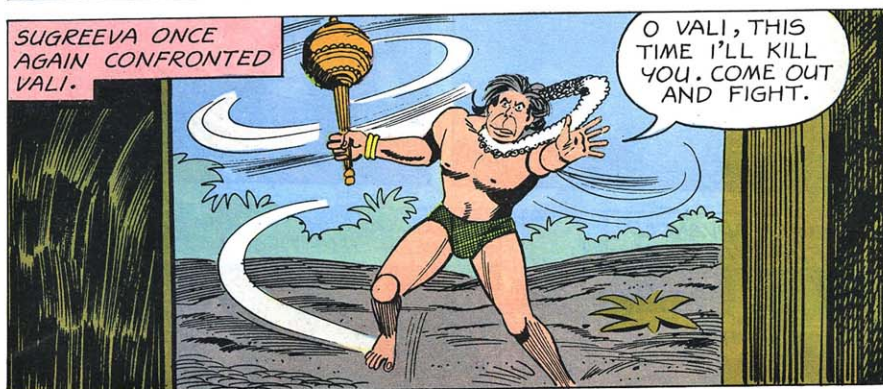
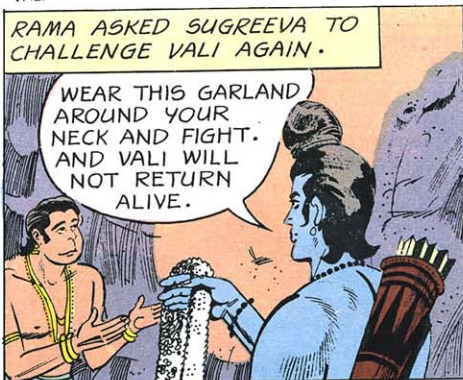
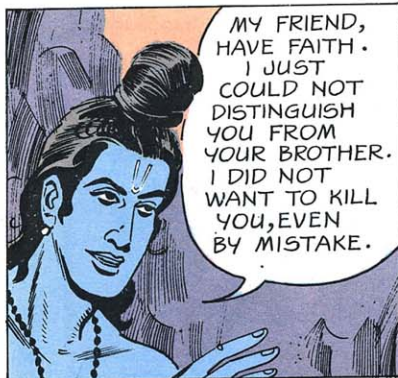


LATER, CHOKING WITH EMOTION, SUGREEVA, REPROACHED RAMA.

WHY DID YOU ASK ME TO CHALLENGE VALI WHEN YOU HAD NO INTENTION OF HELPING ME? WHY DID YOU LET HIM DEFEAT ME?









AS VALI WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE PALACE TO MEET SUGREEVA—

MY LORD, OUR SPIES TELL ME THAT SUGREEVA HAS TWO FRIENDS FROM AYODHYA ON HIS SIDE.

MY SWEET ONE, DO NOT WORRY. I KNOW WHO THEY ARE. I KNOW THEY WILL NOT INTERFERE.



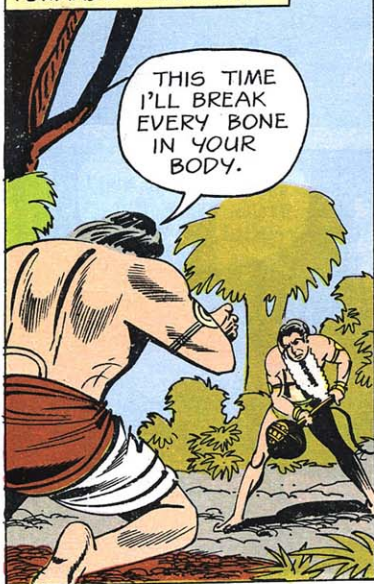
HE IS AFTER ALL YOUR BROTHER. WHY DON'T YOU MAKE PEACE WITH HIM?

I CANNOT. I MUST TEACH HIM A LESSON. BUT I WILL NOT KILL HIM.

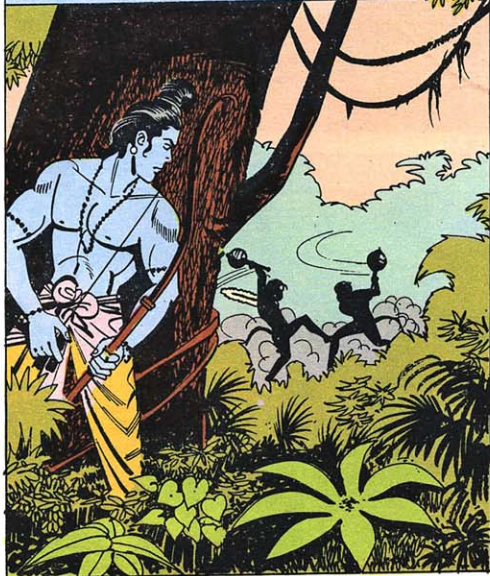


AND VALI ADVANCED TOWARDS SUGREEVA.

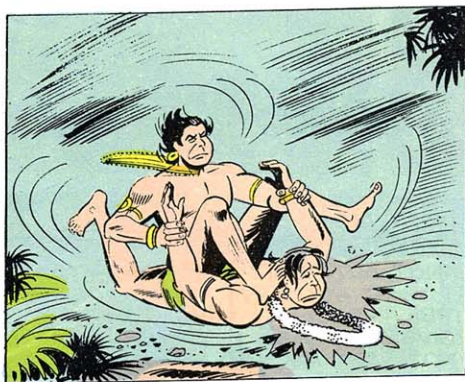
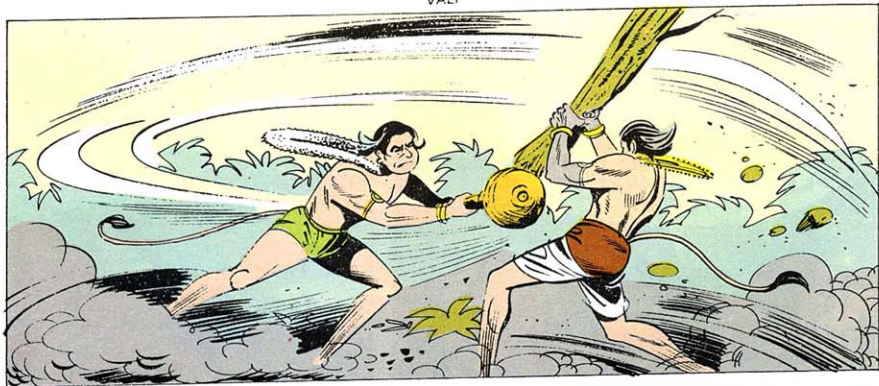
THIS TIME I'LL BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY.



A FURIOUS FIGHT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO BROTHERS.

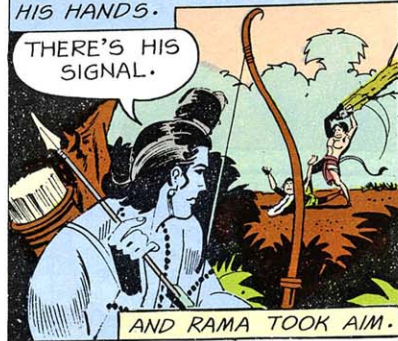






SUDDENLY, SUGREEVA RAISED  
HIS HANDS.

THERE'S HIS  
SIGNAL.



AND RAMA TOOK AIM.

THE ARROW FOUND ITS MARK.  
VALI FELL.



LATER, WHEN RAMA APPROACHED HIM WITH LAXMANA AND THE OTHERS —

O RAMA, WHAT RIGHT DID YOU HAVE TO KILL ME — I, WHO HAD FULL FAITH IN YOUR VIRTUE AND WISDOM? I HAVE DONE YOU NO HARM.



I KNOW YOU CAME TO SUGREEVA FOR HELP. IF YOU HAD ONLY ASKED ME ONCE, I WOULD HAVE CAPTURED RAVANA AND BROUGHT HIM TO YOU. OH, WHY DID YOU INTERFERE IN OUR FIGHT?



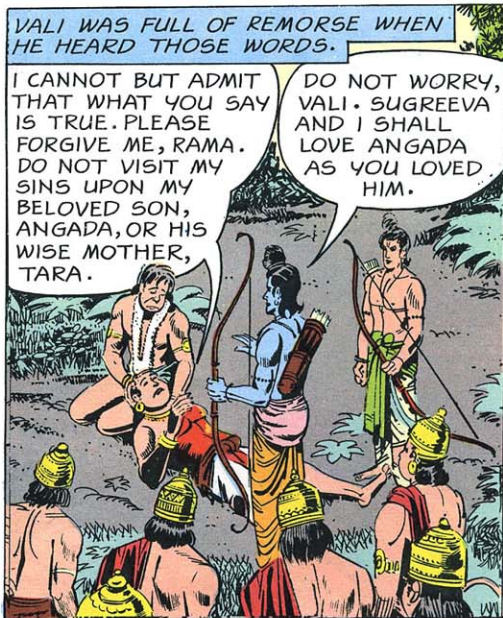
IT IS THE DUTY OF A KING TO METE OUT JUSTICE—TO PROTECT THE OPPRESSED AND PUNISH THE OPPRESSOR. YOU HAVE WRONGED YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER WHOM YOU SHOULD HAVE CHERISHED AS YOUR SON. YOU DESERVE TO DIE.



VALI WAS FULL OF REMORSE WHEN HE HEARD THOSE WORDS.

I CANNOT BUT ADMIT THAT WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME, RAMA. DO NOT VISIT MY SINS UPON MY BELOVED SON, ANGADA, OR HIS WISE MOTHER, TARA.

DO NOT WORRY, VALI. SUGREEVA AND I SHALL LOVE ANGADA AS YOU LOVED HIM.





MEANWHILE, TARA, VALI'S WIFE, AND ANGADA, HIS SON, CAME ON THE SCENE.

MY LORD! O KING! WHY DIDN'T YOU HEED MY WORDS? WHAT AM I TO DO NOW? WHAT WILL THE ANGRY SUGREEVA, WHO HATES US, DO TO ANGADA?

SUGREEVA AND RAMA WILL CARE FOR YOU AND ANGADA, AS I DID.

SUGREEVA, MY HOUR HAS COME. PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I DID NOT KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING.

O VALI, IT WAS YOUR LOVE I ALWAYS WANTED, NOT THE THRONE. YOU NEVER UNDERSTOOD.



DO NOT GRIEVE, SUGREEVA. TAKE THIS GOLDEN CHAIN. MAY IT BRING YOU SUCCESS. PLEASE RULE KISHKINDHA PROPERLY, O SUGREEVA. TAKE CARE OF MY WIFE AND SON.

AND VALI BREATHED HIS LAST, HAVING SETTLED ALL WORLDLY MATTERS IN A MANNER BEFITTING A KING.



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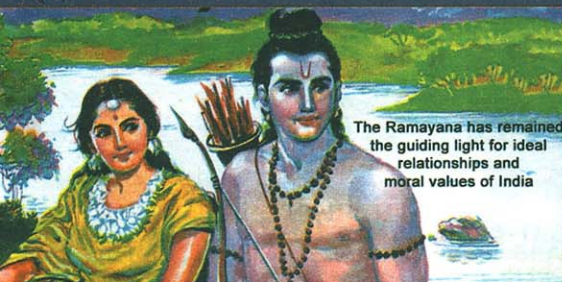
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